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SUBJ: RECLASSIFICATION OF CONSULAR POSITION

REF: (A) 75 STATE 129927, (B) 75 TEHRAN 5492, (C) 75 STATE  
179435, (D) 75 TEHRAN 7634

1. IN REFTEL (A) THE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED WE CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION POSITION AT THIS POST BE RECLASSIFIED AND ACCORDED THE TITLE OF CONSUL GENERAL. WE AGREED WITH THIS SUGGESTION BUT INQUIRED WHAT THE CRITERIA WAS FOR MAKING SUCH A DETERMINATION (REFTEL B). IN REFTEL (C) THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO CRITERIA BUT SUGGESTED SEVERAL INDICATORS WHICH WOULD HELP IN MAKING A JUDGMENT IN THE MATTER. IN REFTEL (D), WHICH WAS SENT IN AUGUST 1975, WE ENDEAVORED TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WITHIN THE RATHER BROAD GUIDELINES WHICH HAD BEEN SUGGESTED, ALTHOUGH WE REMAIN UNCERTAIN HOW A JUDGMENT CAN BE MADE IN THE ABSENCE OF ESTABLISHED CRITERIA.

2. THE ABSENCE OF A RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO OUR RECOMMENDATION OVER THE INERVENING FIVE MONTH PERIOD SUGGESTS THIS IS A MORE DIFFICULT, COMPLEX QUESTION THAN MEETS THE EYE. IN AN EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL, WE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL (C), WE HAVE PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING CURRENT AND PROJECTED CONSULAR WORKLOADS WHICH WE HOPE JUSTIFY THE ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONSULAR PERSONNEL TO THIS POST AS WELL AS TO THE

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CONSTITUENT POSTS OF SHIRAZ AND ISFAHAN. WE ARE GRATEFUL

FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND THE ASSIGNMENTS IT HAS MADE TO MEET OUR NEEDS. WE WOULD POINT OUT OUR BELIEF THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOGNITION OF OUR NEEDS IMPLIES A CONCOMITANT RECOGNITION OF THE INCREASED SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES THE CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION IS ASSUMING AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FURTHER SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION FOR ACCORDING THE POSITION A CONSUL GENERAL TITLE.

3. REFTEL (C) SUGGESTS THAT CRITERIA ON WHICH JUDGMENTS REGARDING TITLES WILL BE MADE IS BEING DEVELOPED. IF THIS WORK HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED IN ORDER TO BETTER JUDGE WHETHER WE HAVE OVERLOOKED ANY RELEVANT FACTOR IN ATTEMPTING TO JUSTIFY THE RECOMMENDATION WE HAVE MADE IN THIS INSTANCE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.  
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